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SUBJECT: FINNISH ARSENIC DUMPING IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

REFS: HELSINKI'S 644; STATE 65463; RUSER/FORD TELECON--MARCH 24

STATE 65422; STATE 65624

1. BRAZILIAN FOREIGN OFFICE ISSUED PRESS RELEASE, ON MARCH 23, ANNOUNCING THAT FINNISH CHARGE HAD INFORMED BRAZIL'S FOREIGN MINISTER THAT DAY OF DECISION FINLAND'S COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO DENY APPROVAL TO THE REQUESTED DUMPING OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTAINING ARSENIC BY NESTE OY'S ENSKERI VESSEL.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, FONOFF ANNOUNCEMENT PRAISED FINLAND'S UNDERSTANDING OF CONCERN OF NATIONS SUBJECT TO POTENTIAL DAMAGE. PRESS ALSO INDICATED GOB HAS INFORMED APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF GOF'S DECISION.

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3. PRESS OVER WEEKEND GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO GOB PROTEST,

WITH DRAMATIC FRONT-PAGE ACCOUNTS OF GOB'S "GLOBAL DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE", AND REPORTED THAT GOB MIGHT WITHHOLD AGREEMENT FOR NEW FINNISH AMBASSADOR. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, NOMINATION WAS ONLY ACCEPTED AFTER GOB WAS INFORMED GOF'S DECISION.

4. PRESS HAD POINTED TO INCIDENT AS STRONG EVIDENCE JUSTIFYING BRAZIL'S POLICY ON 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA.

5. EMB THIS MORNING CONTACTED MEMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S IMMEDIATE STAFF WHO INDICATES THAT GOB HAS HAD AVAILABLE INFORMAL REPORT FROM GOF ON CONTENTS AND QUANTITY OF CARGO. FOREIGN OFFICE IS ASKING FINNISH EMBASSY HERE FOR MORE COMPLETE AUTHORITATIVE REPORT. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE WAS RELUCTANT TO GO INTO DETAILS OF INFORMATION ACTUALLY AVAILABLE TO GOB, SAYING THAT THE MATTER WAS RESOLVED, "AT LEAST FOR NOW".

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